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SUBJECT: END OF CODEL ALBERT VISIT TO ROMANIA

1. THE DELEGATION OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN LED BY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE CARL ALBERT TODAY CONCLUDED THE FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT BY AN AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL GROUP TO ROMANIA. AFTER FOUR DAYS OF TALKS WITH KEY ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL GN SEPAKER ALBERT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH CURRENT ITMS.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS AND HOPE THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BROADEN AND DEEPEN THEIR TIES IN THE FUTURE. THE AMERICAN GROUP'S VISIT BEGAN FRIDAY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL FROM THE SOVIET UNION WITH A CALL ON ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU AT HIS SUMMER VILLA ON THE BLACK SEA COAST. THEIR TALKS WITH THE ROMANIAN LEADER WERE CHARACTERIZED BY OBSERVERS AS HAVING BEEN OPEN, COMPREHENSIVE AND FRIEONLY. ISSUES DISCUSSED ON THAT OCCASION AS WELL AS IN TALKS WITH OTHER ROMANIAN LEADERS INCLUDED BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE AFTERMATH OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT.

2. THE U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND THEIR SPOUSES TRAVELED TO BUCHAREST FRIDAY EVENING. SATURDAY THEY MET WITH NOCOLAE GIOSAN, PCSIDENT OF THE ROMANIAN GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THEIR OFFICIAL HOST FOR THE VISIT, AND ION PATAN, ROMANIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE. LATER IN THE DAY, FOLLOWING SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN CONGRESSMEN AND VARIOUS ROMANIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIALISTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, A GROUP FROM THE

DELEGATION DEPARTED BUCHAREST FOR BRASOV, A MOUNTAIN CITY IN TRANSYLVANIA AND THE CAPITAL OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL REGIONS IN ROMANIA. THERE THEY WERE HOSTED BY VIRGIL TROFIN, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT PARTY ORGANIZATION AND HEAD OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

3. THOSE CONGRESSMEN WHO DID NOT MAKE THE BRASOV TRIP SPENT THE REST OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MAKING INDIVIDUAL CALLS ON ROMANIAN LEADERS. THESE INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH KEY ROMANIAN ECONOMIC, AGRICULTURAL AND CULTURAL LEADERS.

4. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONDAY PROGRAM WERE VISITS TO THE FAMOUS GERIATRIC CLINIC OF DOCTOR ANA ASLAN, AND TO ROMCONTROL DATA, AND ECONOMIC JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN ROMANIA AND A U.S. COMPANY NQNUFACTURING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. JUST PRIOR TO AN OFFICIAL DINNER AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON THE EVE OF THE CONGRESSMEN'S DEPARTURE, SPEAKER ALBERT HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE AND MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION DISCUSSED THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT. HEAPX EMPHASIS WAS PLACED BY THE DELEGATION ON THE NEED FOR EXPANDED TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ROMANIA, AND INCREASED CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO LEGISLATURES. "BY ADDING A NEW LEGISLATIVE ELEMENT TO THE PICTURE," SPEAKER ALBERT REMARKED, "WE HAVE BROADENED AND DEEPENED THE RELATIONSHIP, AND I BELIEVE OUR VISIT HERE HAS PROVED THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT TO ADD THIS NEW INGREDIENT."

5. THE CONGRESSION

GROUP DEPARTED EARLY TUESDAY MORNING FOR YUGOSLAVIA.  
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